

## **RECESSED MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2003**

Continued

June 12, 2003

12:00 noon

The City Council of the City of Salisbury met at 12:00 noon, on Thursday, June 12, 2003, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building pursuant to the recess of the regular meeting on June 4, 2003, with the following members being present and absent:

PRESENT: Burgin, Kennedy, Kluttz, Martin, Woodson

ABSENT: Myra B. Heard, City Clerk

Mayor Kluttz opened the meeting and Councilman Martin gave the invocation.

Staff members present were the same as the June 4, 2003 meeting with the addition of : Swannetta B. Fink, Acting City Clerk.

Mayor Kluttz welcomed Ms. Erin Boyd, an intern at the SALISBURY POST filling in for Mr. Mark Wineka, reporter for City Council meetings.

### **REQUEST FOR FUNDING - NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM FOUNDATION**

City Manager Treme informed Council that he has received a request for funding from the North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation in the amount of \$10,000. He further explained it may be possible to move funding for the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce to a four year funding beginning in FY2004-05.

It was the consensus of Council to fund \$5,000.00 to the North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation in FY2003-2004.

### **REQUEST FOR FUNDING - CATAWBA COLLEGE CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TO PARTNER WITH SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

City Manager Treme informed Council that he has received a request for funding from the Catawba College Center for the Environment to partner with the Sustainable Community Development Commission to establish a model for improving air quality.

It was the consensus of Council to fund \$5,000 to the Catawba College Center for the Environment to partner with the Sustainable Community Development Commission in FY2003-2004.

The Rowan County Chamber of Commerce had requested \$10,000 over a 5 year period to help fund the Work Force Program. It was the consensus of Council to delay funding with the idea of providing \$12,500 over a 4 year period beginning July 1, 2004, therefore being able to fund the \$5,000 each to the other two organizations (North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation and Catawba College Center for the Environment) in the FY 2003-04.

### **FREEDMAN'S CEMETERY CHALLENGE GRANT**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion that should the Freedman's Cemetery Memorial Committee not raise matching funds in the amount of \$38,000 on or before December 31, 2003 to match the Robertson Foundation Challenge Grant, the City of Salisbury will commit to appropriating matching funds in an amount necessary to meet the \$38,000 Robertson Foundation Challenge Grant. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

### **800 MHZ TRUNKING SYSTEM**

City Manager Treme explained there will be some financial benefits to approve a contract with Motorola on or before June 25, 2003.

Mr. Mike Crowell, Information Technology Manager, made a presentation to Council concerning the 800 MHz Trunking System upgrade. He clarified many points, including the following:

- Bid awarded to Motorola (Fall `89)
- Fire Dept on-line (Spring `90)
- Police Dept on-line (Spring `90)
- Remaining departments on-line (`91-`92)
- County Fire Depts. on-line (1998)

### History of Equipment

- Controllers - bought in 1989,1991
- Repeaters - installed 1989, 1996
- Radios for Police and Fire - bought in 1991
- Radios for Public Service and Utilities - bought in 1994

### Radio Distribution

- City of Salisbury 561
- Rowan County Government 393
- Rowan County Fire 529
- Other Governments 223
- Rowan-Salisbury Schools 96
- Colleges 27
- Hospital 28
- Miscellaneous 15

### Key Issues

- Currently installed controllers are no longer being supported by Motorola
- Seven of the currently installed repeaters are no longer being supported by

Motorola

- Limited replacement parts are available
- Equipment is so old that it is nearly impossible to perform a phased upgrade,

i.e. new controllers would not be compatible with currently installed

MSF5000 repeaters

- New controllers will require replacement of consoles at Salisbury PD and

Rowan County Dispatch

- Radios at Police and Fire Departments were bought in 1989
- There are very few replacement parts available for repair

### Recommendation

- 2003
  - Replace controllers, MSF repeaters, Microwave, and PD/Fire radios \$2,799,000
- 2004
  - Replace remaining city radios 600,000
- 2005
  - Replace 7 of the Quantro repeaters 339,000
- 2006
  - Replace remaining Quantro repeaters 300,000
- Replace radios at PD and Fire with new units
- Use existing PD and Fire radios as replacements for remaining units
- Cost will be approximately \$350,000

### Additional Considerations

- This upgrade would require Rowan County to upgrade their consoles at

a cost of \$278,000

- Rowan County is also going to add a console and replace some radios for

a total expenditure of around \$400,000

It was explained that the City owns the trunk system and users lease it paying \$10.00 per month per radio used and the user (such as County) buy their own radios. It was pointed out Rowan County originally paid for part of the repeaters.

Mayor Kluttz and Councilman Martin asked if we are getting our fair share and Mr. Treme affirmed that we are. Mr. Kennedy suggested that people won't understand, if there is a disaster and the system isn't working, why the system was not upgraded. The Council further discussed upgrading the system.

## **IRRIGATION TAP FEES**

Additionally, City Manager Treme proposed a new amount for irrigation tap fees as there was concern some of these proposed fees for the upcoming FY2003-04 budget were too high. The new recommendation from Mr. Treme is \$650.00.

## **REVISED PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2003-2004**

City Manager Treme presented to Council a revised proposed budget for FY2003-2004 per their request at the June 4, 2003 Budget Workshop. The following changes are being proposed:

### **FUND:**

#### Council Commitments

- I-85 Noise Barriers \$122,500
- Highway 70 sidewalks 40,000 \$162,500
- Street Improvements to replace Powell Bill Losses 206,610
- Additional required for ongoing operations 70,305
- Planner for Improving Development Process 48,451
- Civic Center Study 40,000
- Web Master 65,324
- Rowan Chamber of Commerce 10,000 \*

\$603,190

\* This was changed to \$5,000 each to North Carolina Transportation Museum and Catawba College Center for the Environment.

#### Reductions

- Fund Balance Replacement \$206,610
- Economic Development Commission

Marketing Plan 23,000

- Public Information Officer 52,682
- Capital Outlay 128,800

\$411,092

City Manager Treme is recommending a 2-cent reduction in the tax rate from \$.60 per \$100.00 valuation to \$.58 per \$100.00 valuation. An average 3% merit increase for City employees is also included in the proposed budget. Mr. Treme is recommending \$3.5 Million renovations for the Salisbury Police Department.

There was extensive discussion by Council about the feasibility of spending this \$3.5 Million at this time. Mr. Treme advised there is some debt which will be paid off next year and therefore funds could be available to pay on the \$3.5 Million new debt.

Mr. Burgin told Council he was present when the Police Department was built in the 1970's and there is no question the building needs upgrading and this is a good time to build (interest rates down, etc.)

Mr. Kennedy added the City's buildings need to be kept up; others are doing improvements and upgrades and will be looking to the City to keep things in good shape.

(1) Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** that the tax rate for the City of Salisbury be established at \$.58 per \$100 valuation and that the most recent recommendations from the City Manager relative to tap fees and Council priorities being funded be accepted by this Council. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE (5-0)

(2) Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to adopt the budget ordinance for the City of Salisbury for the FY2003-2004

beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kenndy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter II - Administrative, at Page Nos. 21-37, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-41.)

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

Mayor Kluttz informed Council that she and Councilman Burgin will be unable to attend the Council meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2003. Because a public hearing will be held that date on the \$13,000,000 Refunding Bond Order and only three council members will be present to vote on this matter, she needed a consensus of Council to hold a Special Meeting on this matter on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 11:45 a.m. for a second reading.

It was the consensus of Council to call a Special Meeting, Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at 11:45 a.m. for the purpose of having a second reading on the \$13,000,000 Refunding Bond Order.

City Manager Treme reminded Council the Motorola contract matter discussed earlier would be coming back up at the June 17 regular meeting.

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**MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) Western Rail Council

Mayor Kluttz informed Council of a meeting of the Western North Carolina Rail Council, along with the Eastern North Carolina Rail Council as guests, being held Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 12:00 noon at the Salisbury Station.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Kluttz informed Council that she would entertain a motion for the Council to go into closed session concerning negotiation of property acquisition located at 730 West Council Street per NCGS 143-318.22(5).

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to go into closed session concerning negotiation of property acquisition located at 730 West Council Street per NCGS 143-318.22(5). Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

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**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson made a **motion** to return to open session. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Kluttz announced that no official action was taken in closed session.

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**AJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Burgin, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All Council members agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Acting City Clerk